



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Those of us who attempt to do things for others or for the world without deepening our own sense of self-understanding, freedom, integrity, and capacity to love, will not have anything to give others." ~ Robert Greenleaf

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People & Animal Learning Services - Training Jan. 9

Do you love making a difference? Are you interested in giving back while making friends? Do you love horses? The next hands-on training to become a PALS equine therapy volunteer will be from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 9. No horse experience is necessary. Not sure if it's for you? You are welcome to attend the training before you commit. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Abi Yates at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or abi@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Maurice Sendak Art Exhibit Hosts – Deadline Jan. 15

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the classic children's book, Where the Wild Things Are, the Monroe County Public Library and the Friends of the Library will host the Maurice Sendak Memorial Exhibition in Feb. and March. The exhibit will feature 50 original works of art by Sendak and will include programs for all ages. The Library is requesting volunteer assistance from Feb. 12- Mar. 26 to act as greeters, answer questions, and provide directional guidance. Exhibit hours will be 3-8 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 3-6 p.m. Fri. and noon-6 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Volunteers must complete a volunteer application, including a background check. Individuals and groups welcome. Shifts are two hours long; individuals may volunteer for multiple shifts. Minimum age is 16. Sign up at www.mcpl.info/geninfo/volunteer-application or contact Sue Sater at (812) 349-3050 ext. 4031 or ssater@mcpl.info by Jan. 15. (www.mcpl.info)

Join the Bloomington Community Band

The Bloomington Community Band is a volunteer concert band comprised of about 50 musicians ranging in age from 18 to 85. Any adult who plays a band instrument may enter the membership process without auditioning. The band presents over 15 concerts per year in and around Monroe County at civic events, public gatherings, retirement homes and state parks. Rehearsals are from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. Interested? Please contact them at manager@bloomingtoncommunityband.org. (www.bloomingtoncommunityband.net)

Fill the Volunteer Gap during School Breaks!

Volunteering during winter, spring, and summer breaks is a huge help to those agencies which depend on volunteers to maintain a consistent level of services year-round. Fill-the-gap organizations are typically: Community Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Interfaith Winter Shelter, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Shalom Community Center. Click on the link below to connect to these agencies, or contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or savichb@bloomington.in.gov. (BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/FilltheGap)

Volunteer with Indiana Youth Musicians

Indiana Youth Musicians provides youth and their families the tools necessary to develop a deep love, understanding and appreciation of excellence in music by creating musical opportunities and instruction for all who desire. There are many ways to get involved, as it takes a great deal of support to keep this organization running smoothly. Volunteer roles include: board member, sectional coach, office assistant, website developer, graphic designer, marketing team, concert usher and concert reception. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jill Bryniarski at (812) 369-4387 or iym@iymusicians.org. (www.IYMusicians.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Ellettsville Main St.

Working together to revitalize Ellettsville while preserving its heritage. An all-volunteer non-profit organization concentrating on historic downtown Ellettsville – things such as the Heritage Trail, welcome gateways, banners and historic photos. To grant a wish, contact Jeana Kapczynski at (812) 876-7350 or jkappy@bluemarble.net. (PO Box 143)

Wishes: perennials for trail, fire-proof file cabinets, vintage limestone tools, historic photos of Ellettsville and limestone, museum-type display cases, limestone benches, sculptures or relics

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or buy some items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

